

AN ACT

RELATING TO VITAL STATISTICS, INCLUDING THE ISSUANCE OF A  
BURIAL TRANSIT PERMIT AND THE TRANSMISSION AND RECORDING OF  
CERTAIN DEATH CERTIFICATES, AND INCLUDING EFFECTIVE DATE  
PROVISIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 144.26, subsection 3, Code Supplement  
2011, is amended to read as follows:

3. a. The county in which a dead body is found is the  
county of death. If death occurs in a moving conveyance,  
the county in which the dead body is first removed from the  
conveyance is the county of death.

b. If a decedent died outside of the county of the  
decedent's residence, the state registrar shall send a copy  
of the decedent's death certificate and any amendments to the  
county registrar of the county of the decedent's residence.  
The county registrar shall record a death certificate received  
pursuant to this paragraph in the same records in which the  
death certificate of a decedent who died within the county  
is recorded. The state registrar may provide the county  
registrars with electronic access to vital records in lieu of  
the requirements of this paragraph.

Sec. 2. Section 144.32, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2011,  
is amended to read as follows:

If a person other than a funeral director, medical examiner,  
or emergency medical service assumes custody of a dead body or  
fetus, the person shall secure a burial transit permit. To be  
valid, the burial transit permit must be issued by the county  
medical examiner, a funeral director, or the county state  
~~registrar of the county where the certificate of death or fetal~~

~~death was filed.~~ The permit shall be obtained prior to the removal of the body or fetus from the place of death and the permit shall accompany the body or fetus to the place of final disposition.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. The section of this Act amending section 144.26, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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KRAIG PAULSEN  
Speaker of the House

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JOHN P. KIBBIE  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2369, Eighty-fourth General Assembly.

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W. CHARLES SMITHSON  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2012

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TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
Governor